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SUBJECT: BERKELEY ORIENTALISTS' MEETING

FOR SIMONS OR JOHNSON FROM THORNTON (S/P)

1. A MUCH FRUSTRATED LEO ROSE HAS CALLED TO ENQUIRE WHY BERKELEY HAS RECEIVED NO ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR INVITATION FOR THE ORIENTALISTS' MEETING. THEY ALSO NEED A LIST OF SOVIET ATTENDEES SO THEY CAN FIGURE OUT WHO TO INVITE ON THE AMERICAN SIDE AND HOW TO STRUCTURE THE MEETING. THE SOVIETS' DELAY HAS ALREADY FORCED BERKELEY TO PUT THE MEETING OFF UNTIL FALL, AND IT WILL BE HARD TO GET FUNDING AND HIGH-QUALITY US PARTICIPATION EVEN THEN, UNLESS THEY HAVE A SOVIET REACTION QUICKLY.

2. BAZHANOV, SOVIET CONSUL IN SAN FRANCISCO, WAS IN MOSCOW LATE IN THE FALL AND UPON HIS RETURN HERE TOLD ROSE THAT EVERYTHING IS ON THE TRACKS AND A LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE WOULD APPEAR SOON. IT HASN'T AND LAST WEEK, HE SAID HE WOULD TRY AGAIN TO GET SOMETHING OUT OF MOSCOW. ROSE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE EMBASSY COULD BUILD SOME FIRE UNDER THE SOVIETS ALSO.

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3. GAFUROV AND GANKOVSKIY ARE STILL APPARENTLY THE

MAIN ACTORS, BUT ROSE UNDERSTANDS THAT ARBATOV AND ALL
SORTS OF OTHER ACADEMICIANS ARE HORNING IN. THIS MAY
WELL ACCOUNT FOR THE DELAY AND ALSO SUGGESTS THAT A
FORMAL EMBASSY APPROACH (IF YOU THINK ONE IS DESIRABLE)
MIGHT BE BEST MADE AT THE ACADEMY LEVEL. AT A MINIMUM,
YOU MIGHT WANT TO TAKE A SOUNDING WITH GANKOVSKIY. KISSINGER

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